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1. VENEZUELAN TEAM (AMBASSADOR MOANACK, CARIBBEAN COOPER-
ATION, INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, AND SORENSEN, FOREIGN
MINISTRY), WERE BRIEFED BY TASK FORCE COORDINATOR DOZIER
ON CONSULTATIVE GROUP DEVELOPMENTS ON OCTOBER 28TH. IN A
FAR-RANGING DISCUSSION OF CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS,

MOANACK STRESSED NEED FOR A MORE COORDINATED AND MULTILATERAL APPROACH. HE REITERATED THAT VENEZUELA WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DECEMBER CONFERENCE OF DONORS AND RECIPIENTS, AND CAN BE COUNTED UPON TO SUPPORT WELL PREPARED PROJECTS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO GREATER COOPERATION AND GROWTH. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, AGAINST RAISING UNDUE EXPECTATIONS AMONG RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. THEY AGREED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT TRINIDAD PARTICIPATE AS A MAJOR DONOR IN THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

2. IN A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, MOANACK EXPRESSED VIEW THAT AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF THE CG SHOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN THE CDB. HE NOTED THAT

WITH LIMITED STAFFING AND EXPERIENCE, THE CDB HAS DIFFICULTY IN DEVELOPING PROJECT PROPOSALS AND IS SLOW IN EVALUATING LOAN APPLICATIONS.

3. WHILE VENEZUELA IS A MAJOR PROVIDER OF ASSISTANCE TO THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES, MOANACK AND SORENSEN AGREED THAT THE CARIBBEAN CG COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO INCLUDE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES FROM CENTRAL AMERICA. MOANACK NOTED THAT CENTRAL AMERICA HAS ITS OWN PECULIAR PROBLEMS, E.G., BELIZE, AND HAS AID REQUIREMENTS OF AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE DIFFERENT FROM THE CARIBBEAN. HE ALSO NOTED THAT GUATEMALA WOULD BE UNLIKELY, IN ANY EVENT, TO ATTEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A MEETING WHERE REPRESENTATIVES OF BELIZE ARE PRESENT.

4. IN CONCLUSION, VENEZUELANES EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH USG AND TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS WE APPROACH DECEMBER CONFERENCE. DOZIER THANKED THEM FOR COMING TO WASHINGTON AND ASSURED THEM THAT WE, TOO, WISHED TO MAINTAIN DIALOGUE ON CONSULTATIVE GROUP.

5. RE REFTTEL, WE ASSUME THAT TEAM WILL REPORT BACK TO HURTADO (MOANACK SAID HE WAS AN 'ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENCY'). ARELLANO HOPES TO VISIT CARACAS IN NEAR FUTURE BUT DATE STILL UNCERTAIN. VANCE

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